



Forum:United Nations Women

Topic:Prevent violence against girls

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The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned by the persistent violence faced by girls globally, including domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, child marriage, and online harassment, which disproportionately affect girls in vulnerable communities,

Worried by the deeply concerning conditions of young girls working in factories or other working activities, facing danger and often neglected by the authorities in power,

Reaffirming the need for international cooperation and resource-sharing to combat violence against girls in all its forms,

Emphasizing the importance of culturally sensitive, community-based approaches that empower girls and engage families and schools,

Acknowledging the investment of the Philippines through the Republic Act No. 9208 – Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 which penalizes human trafficking, including the trafficking of women and children for exploitation and establishes measures to prevent trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute offenders,

Alarmed by the fact that according to the CAMELEON association, about 7,000,000 children are sexually abused every year in the Philippines, more than 70% of them are between 10 and 18 years old, 20% are under 6 years old,

Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states that marriages shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses, that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security and that all human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech,

Thanking the Member States for their willingness to cooperate on this project,

1. *Calls* on States and social media companies to act urgently and decisively to make digital spaces safe for all young women, and to do so within the framework of international human rights law;
2. *Supports* the development of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health (SRH) educational programs for girls and, taught in age-appropriate ways
 - a) to raise awareness among young girls about this topic,
 - b) to teach children and young girls about healthy relationships and consent,
 - c) to make it less difficult and uncomfortable for victims to talk about their situation;
3. *Demands* that consent to marriage must necessarily and solely come from the future spouses, even if one/both of them is a/are minor(s);
4. *Encourages* countries, especially more developed ones, to participate financially to the fight for gender equality by donating to the UN Trust Fund to end Violence against Women and Girls;
5. *Supports* the establishment and expansion of survivor-centered support services, including psychological counseling, medical care, legal assistance, and safe shelters, ensuring accessibility for all young girls;
6. *Invites* Member States to strengthen and effectively enforce national legal frameworks aimed at preventing, investigating, and punishing all forms of violence against young girls, while ensuring that such legislation is accessible, gender-sensitive, and child-centered;
7. *Wishes* for partnerships between UN Women, UNICEF and local NGOs to be strengthened to address potential issues more accurately, precisely and effectively.